# **HUGHES** PROBE FOR

Armstrong Committee to Investigate State Department

of Insurance.

Pollowing disclosures showing a close relationship between the State Insurance Department and the life ins companies under investigation, the state ment was made to-day that the Arm strong Investigating Committee will overhaul the books of the department. firm in the belief that more sensationa. scandals will be exposed. This decision was reached after the charge was made that Louis F. Parn, former Superin tendent of Insurance, had received \$40,-600 from the Mutual Reserve Life Association to suppress the real conditions

It was also said that the present Superintendent of Insurance, Hendricks, will be called to the stand and made to tell under outh why reports of the insurance companies were passed by him when they did not represent the existing conditions. Hendricks must then

ing conditions. Hendricks must then tell whether the officers of these companies imposed on him, thereby committing perfury, or not.

Hendricks's testimony is expected to be of very sensational character, and Chief Inquisitor Hughes will endeavor by show to just what extent insurance officials tried to or did influence legislation by a free use of the policy-holders' morey, and how with this same

omenis tried to or did influence legislation by a free use of the policy-holders' money, and how with this same inexhaustible fund they controlled appointments in the State Insurance Department.

It is now believed that the investigation will extend over into 1906. The committee must get a renowal of authority from the incoming Legislature. As Assemblyman McKeown, of Brooklyn, is the only member of the Armstrong Committee who does not go back to the Legislature, there will be no substantial obstacle in the way of this plan. Were such an extension determined on, the sessions of the committee after Jam. I would probably be held in Albany.

Several much-wanted witnesses are absent, among them Andrew Hamilton and Andrew C. Fields, the legislative managers of the New York Life and Mutual Life respectively. The testimony of Thomas B. Jordan, formerly controller of the Equitable Life, and William H. McIntyre, who was its fourth vice-president, is also desired.

### **FOUGHT RAZORS** WITH CHOP SUEY

Barbers Slashed Chinamen, Whose Weapons Were Food and Dishes.

Then we all waltzed in together, never caring whether

It was Sutter or 'twas Cutter we was trying Believing that the Chinaman is childlike and bland, as represented by Mark

Twain and Bret Harto, three barbers made a bad mistake and are in jail today, thinking it over. Cosimo Barberello, forty-four years old, of No. 34 Mulberry street, and John

and Patsy Berardo, twenty-three and eighteen years old, respectively, of No. 60 James street, strolled into a Chinese restaurant at Nos. 7 and 9 Mott street about midnight and ordered chop suey, birds' nests and other Celestial edibles. Having sampled the food considerably, they complained that there was some-

Having sampled that there was something wrong with it.

Lou Johnson, the proprietor, told them the chop suey was the best made in Chinatown, and Chew Jir sustained the opinion. Thereupon they "all waltzed in together" and things got lively.

The barbers drew razors, while the Chinamen abandoned their blandness and hurled disnes and handfuls of blinding chop suey.

Wong Weon, a waiter, had one of his hands almost severed from the wrist and Lou Johnson was severely cut on the fingers.

The Chinamen showed they could fight, but were glad when the police arrived and separated the combatants. Ambulance Surgeon Merrill patched up the slightly injured, among whom was Patsy Berardo, cut by a flying plate, and the mutilated Wong was taken to the Hudson Street Hospital. The barbers were taken to the Elizabeth street station.

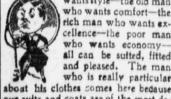
tion.

The crowds of visitors and slummers, who had taken refuge at a safe distance to watch the fight, then went back to their suppers.

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You can choose from our very large
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The difference is here—what Douglas charges you \$2.50 to \$5 the pair for you can buy from us at \$1.95 and \$2.49. The factory imperfections are very slight at the most. Most of them we would have to point out to you; they certainly in no wise affect the wearing qualities.

Plenty of these Douglas Shoes in every new style and i every size. A good many plain leathers in the \$2.49 assortment, as well as the shiny sorts. Most of the \$1.95 styles are in patent leathers.

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Grain High **Cut Shoes at** 

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Sale of Fibre Bound Dress Trunks. One of the best Trunks in our entire stock. Fibre-bound basswood. covered with duck canvas: brassed trimmings. Excelsior lock, strong bolts, clamps and hinges. muslindined, two trays.

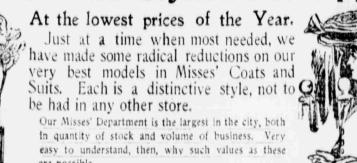
6.95 7.45 5 8.25 from \$8.50 to \$12.00. 7.95 Dress Suit Cases.

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Sale of Morris Chairs

Of Quartered Oak, with highly polished frames and hair-filled cushions covered in velour or corduroy; regular corduroy; regular \$12.50 kinds, 8.50

### Burnt Wood & Misses' New and Stylish Fall Apparel



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prettily trimmed; sizes 4 to 14 6.75 plue. Sizes 14, 16, 18..... 10.00

4.50 Blankets at 3.25

number, and for that reason you buy them at, pair.....

2.25 Comfortables at 1.69 Golden Oak frames, fit- Large size comfortables, covered with the best quality fig-

\$1.50 Fringed Bedspreads,

Extraordinary Sale of Very Handsome

Stamped \$3 Shoes, \$1.79

Made by a Cincinnati factory for representative shoe stores throughout the

United States. All with silk ribbon top-facings bearing the name of the

stores, together with the price per pair-\$3. Fine kidskin, with patent-leath-

We have never had a better Shoe bargain in the store. If you can get here

to-morrow you'll surely buy a pair-or two. They are positively good \$3 values. Choose at \$1.79. All sizes.

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These Robes comprise the finest and most up-to-date styles of the year-but we must sell them now to make room for the Handkerchiefs. Most of them are Robes we have used for display purposes, but they are perfect in every sense.

Assortment comprises fine Spangle Robes, black and colors; fine Lierre Lace Robes, with handsome ruffle effect-white and cream; real Princess and Renaissance, Marquise, &c .- at these prices:

\$5.00 for \$10 Spangle Robes. \$10.00 for \$15 Lierre Lace Robes. \$12.98 for \$20 Lierre Lace Robes. \$15.98 for \$25 Lierre Lace Robes.

er tips, military and Cuban heels.

\$25.00 for \$40 Lierre Lace Robes. \$15.00 for \$25 Spangle Robes. \$17.50 for \$30 Spangle Robes.



Silk Petticoats: Another Sale. Regular \$7.50 4.95

An ideal Christmas gift; but if you buy one for a gift, you'll buy another for yourself; they're such exceptional value.

feta Silk in black and all the very newest colors. Handsomely accordion pleated and finished with exquisite ruffle and ruche; or with deep full ruffle made with five extension ruffles.

There's not a Petticoat worth

# Made of the very best grades of Taf-

less than \$7.50 in the lot; some are worth more. Choose at \$4.95.

### Some Splendid Savings To-Morrow on Holiday Handkerchiefs

Swiss embroidered, all at a third below their import prices. A splendid chance to stock up on Christmas gifts-ahead of the rush.

121/2c for fine hemstitched and scalloped embroidered Handkerchiefs (all perfect); 100 styles. Worth 20c.

25c for finer quality with more elaborate embroidery; also with lace trimming and embroidery; a very choice assortment. Worth 40c. 39c for choice of two hundred dozen fine quality hemstitched Japanese Silk with handsomely embroidered initial. Worth 75c.

### Some Saturday Book Bargains

We bought one hundred two-volume gift editions of F. Marion Crawford's famous story—"Saracinesca," published at \$5—which we shall part with to-morrow at the extremely low price of \$1.50 the set.

An accurate and fascinating story of Rome in the Nineteenth Century, beautifully bound in decorated cloth, gift tops and deckle edge. A bargain.

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Men's \$15 to \$18 Suits and

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Young Men's \$10.00 Black Suits at



SUITS of fine worsteds, pure wool cheviots and cassi- 50c, to 98c. Felt Hats-25c. SUITS of fine worsteds, pure wool cheviots and cassing meres, in most-wanted shades and patterns, as well as plain black; tailored equal to custom—after the most approved sack styles. Sizes from 34 to 46—regular and stouts.

Other Clothing for Boys All Attractively Priced. BOYS' handsome all-wool Overcoats, in ages 3 to 16, and all-wool Suits, same ages; regularly priced \$5, to-morrow.......... 3.95

BOYS' \$4 all wool Suits and Oversoats: the suits from 8 to 15 and the Overcoats from 3 to 7; regularly priced 2.95

BOYS' fine quality all wool Sweaters; \$1.50 values, 1.00 Caps at Many Prices

Young Men's \$7,50 Black Suits at \$4.50. Sizes 15 to 20; 31 to 36 chest.

1000 Handsome New Shirt Waists at @ Here is undoubtedly the greatest oppor-tunity ever presented by any store in



New York to save a half on Waists, such as are in great demand at this writing. In other words, if you can get here to-morrow you can buy two new style Waists for the actual cost of one. Assortment comprises French Flannel, in dark and light blue, pink,

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made yoke and collar; small pleats; sleeves have high cuffs; also embroidered fronts in floral design. White, blue, lavender, 4.50 TAFFETA WAISTS, trimmed with German Valenciennes i a new design, with demi-sleeves, finished with small ruffles of lace. White, pink, blue and champagne Special.

Lot 2.

1.000 New Pail Colored Dress Shirts, open fronts and backs, others of Percale; white grounds, neat, dressy designs, in figures and stripes; detached cuffs to match; sizes 14 to 17. Your choice of either lot to-morrow.

Men's Colored Madras Shirts at This sale is the result of a manufacturer's stock clean-up of his one-dollar shirts; we have sold many of them at that price before, and know whereof we speak. Positively not a shirt in the lot

worth under \$1.00. They are yours to-morrow at 69c.

Men's 50c Silk Neckwear at 25c New fall designs, full two and a half inch four-in-hands; popular French fold shape; endless variety of designs and patterns, including plain colors and all the newest shades; also black and white. Fancy figured designs in over 100 differ-

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\$3.50 Evening Hats-\$1.95.

\$12 to \$15 Ostrich Plumes-\$5. 50c. to \$1.25 Bird Wings, &c. 25c. \$3.95 Imported Feather Hats \$1.69. \$5 Trimmed Hats \$3. \$15 to \$25 Trimmed Hats-\$6.50. \$15 to \$25 Trimmed Hats-\$11.50.

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Men's Dogskin, Cape, Suede or Buckskin Gloves, lined or unlined, styles and qualities the best. Women's Kid, Mocha, Cape and Suede Gloves, in all weightslined or unlined.

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All at a Dollar.

This \$35 "Waltham" Drop. Head Solld Oak Ball Bearing Sewing Machine, With All Attachments, To. Morrow \$12.95

Girls' Suede, Cape, Kid and nished with COMPLETE EQUIP-

Large variety of Men's and Women's Should go into every home, unless a Kid, Mocha, Cape and Buckskin Machine is already Machine is already there.

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bit, Chamols, Angora and Lamb's wool. \$1.50 to \$4.95 pair. Immediate delivery, 12.95

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Novelties for the Holidays are making their appearance in this splendidly equipped section. All the new ideas-here first. Fancy trimmed pincushions up to \$15.00

Special sale hand-painted cushions, Spc. Handsome hand-painted satin sofa pillows up to \$28,00 each. Special Sale hand-painted sofa pillows,

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All kinds of materials stamped for the newest hand embroidery, including Hedebo. English Eyelet, Ribbon, shadow and Reticella, consisting of pillow tops; centre pieces and coilar and cuff sets.

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Ooleng. Ceylon. mixed or English Breakfast, superior cup qualities: \$1.00; lb., 35c 75c

16c

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Gumbo and Mulligatawney; quart can, 28c; all
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OATMEAL — Union Rolled
White Oats, 5-bb, 23c
carton
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Climax Brand.
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wheat guaranteed
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Fancy Michigan Fowl, 14c. (No Fresh Meats Sent C.O.D.)

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SARDINES In 10C
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SALMON—Arctle Red
Brand, finest Red Alaska Salmon, 1-lb, tali
cane, dosen, 10C
MPW SWEET CIDER—
Golden Russet; 35c
gallon jug. 35c